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SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I tell the Hon. the Revenue Minister that he has given one of the most enlightening answers in saying that he does not know whether Narasapur taluk is in West Godavari district? "

House allowance to municipal staff.

* 262 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether there is a Government order stating that the menial staff working in municipalities cannot be given housing allowance?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Yes. The Municipal Councils of Madurai, Tirupati and Tuticorin have been permitted as a special case to grant house-rent allowance to their conservancy menials."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is there any proposal before the Government to cancel the Government Order in question and give house-rent allowance to the menial staff working in municipalities? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" There is no such proposal at present."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" What are the special conditions existing in Tirupati and other places where the Government have permitted the grant of house-rent allowance? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The municipal councils concerned gave the reasons and asked for permission to pay the allowance, and the Government permitted them."

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI :—" If other municipal councils ask for permission to grant house-rent allowance to their menial staff, will the Government give them permission? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" If any request comes from any municipal council, it will be considered on individual merits."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know whether house-rent allowance will be given only to officials including Ministers and not to menials? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question is about the grant of house-rent allowance to the menial staff of municipalities."

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Menials such as sweepers, scavengers, washermen, gardeners, etc., are paid from contingencies on the basis of market rates. Incremental scales of pay are not allowed to them."